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Dear Sir:

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 1, 2009 was first cited in any communication (see the attached copy of the Office Action dated September 1, 2009, which issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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